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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/501,580	SUZUKI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Application filed on 07/14/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>7/14/04 & 11/2/04</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art or record neither shows nor suggests a transparent screen comprising a plurality of refraction slating surface portions each for refracting an incident ray of light to be projected towards said light-emitting-side surface of said refraction/total reflection plate, a plurality of transmission slating surface portions each for making an incident ray of light to be projected pass therethrough, and a plurality of total reflection slating surface portions each for reflecting an incident ray of light passing through one of said plurality of transmission slating surface portions towards said light-emitting-side surface of said refraction/total reflection plate being formed concentrically on the sawtooth light-incidence-side surface of said refraction/total reflection plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: new abstract of the disclosure.

- - A transparent screen includes a refraction/total reflection plate in a form of a Fresnel lens, the refraction/total reflection plate having a sawtooth surface upon which light is incident and another surface via which the light exits, and an image formation/display plate for forming a projection image from the light that exits from the refraction/total reflection plate. Refraction slating surface portions each for refracting incident light towards the other surface of the refraction/total reflection plate, transmission slating surface portions each for making incident light pass therethrough, and total reflection slating surface portions each for reflecting incident light passing through one transmission slating surface portion towards the other surface of the refraction/total reflection plate being formed concentrically on the sawtooth surface of the refraction/total reflection plate. - -

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Mitani et al. (US Patent Number 5,581,407) discloses a permeable screen and its manufacturing method.

Mitani et al. (US Patent Number 5,724,182) shows an optical sheet and a light transmission screen using the same.

Mitani et al. (US Patent Number 5,914,809) teaches a permeable screen including a Fresnel lens sheet disposed at the incident side of the lenticular lens sheet and forming plural lens surfaces.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magda Cruz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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